

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (Adm) (42) DATE: 11/9/61

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON (42)

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMATION RE

On 11/6/61, an individual by the name of [redacted] telephoned the NYO and spoke to the writer. He identified himself as a former clerk in the NYO and presently an attorney at 62-55 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens. He explained that he was calling in the name of the Rego Park Kiwanis Club, and was considering the possibility of asking JOHN LAUTNER to speak at a forthcoming Kiwanis function. He further explained that before contacting LAUTNER he felt it would be wise to contact the FBI for the purpose of determining whether there would be any reason why LAUTNER should not be invited to speak. He explained further that certain members of the Kiwanis Club would probably want to know whether LAUTNER might still be a Communist.

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[redacted] was advised by the writer that the FBI could not endorse LAUTNER as a speaker for his group. It was further explained to him that the FBI was not authorized to officially sanction or to give any type of clearance in a matter of this nature. The writer did disclose however that it was public knowledge that LAUTNER had appeared as a witness for the Government in numerous Smith Act trials throughout the country.

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11/13/61

SA JOHN E. GORDON (42)

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In connection with the investigation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JOHN LAUTNER was contacted by the NYO on 10/24/61,  
and questioned concerning any knowledge that he might have  
concerning HYMAN KAIDOR. LAUTNER advised that while he  
had no recollection of [REDACTED] he would like to see a  
photograph of him.

On 11/7/61, the writer contacted JOHN LAUTNER  
and exhibited to him a photograph of [REDACTED] LAUTNER  
then advised that he did not know or recognize the  
subject of the photo.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (42)

DATE: 11/13/61

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON (42)

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/7/61, JOHN LAUTNER was contacted by the writer in connection with a Bureau loyalty investigation. At the time of this contact LAUTNER advised that his personally owned automobile had been stolen and that he thought he would take this opportunity to advise the FBI just in the event there might be something that they could do for him. The writer advised LAUTNER that since there was no evidence that the vehicle had been taken across State lines there would be no Federal violation involved and therefore the FBI could not initiate any investigation. It was suggested that LAUTNER should immediately contact his local Police Precinct and to furnish the necessary details to them.

Upon the writer's return to the NYO he contacted Supervisor [redacted] Section 21, and furnished him with a brief description of the stolen vehicle. The writer also contacted the radio room and advised Miss [redacted] of the theft of the vehicle and also gave her a brief description and license plate number of the car.

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The vehicle in question is a 1957 Ford Two-Door Custom Sedan, black in color. It is six cylinders. The license plate is K610A, and registered in Ohio. It is registered in the name of JOHN LAUTNER, 246 Melbourne Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-86960)(42)

12/6/61

SA JOHN E. GORDON (42)

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 12/4/61, JOHN LAUTNER contacted the writer by phone and asked whether he would be able to obtain any further advice from this Office in connection with his efforts to locate his missing automobile. LAUTNER was again advised that he would have to rely on the NYCPD since there was no Federal violation involved.

During this conversation with LAUTNER the writer asked him whether he was still sharing his apartment at [REDACTED]. LAUTNER replied that he had gotten rid of that "bum" last July. When questioned further regarding this remark LAUTNER stated that he just thought that [REDACTED] was a shifty character and he thought that he would be better off if he were to move out and ~~live~~ elsewhere. LAUTNER was then asked whether he knew where [REDACTED] was presently residing and he replied that he thought it was on the East Side someplace. He did state that it was his understanding that [REDACTED] was presently employed as [REDACTED].

The current Manhattan Telephone Directory carries a listing for "The Bookmailer" at 232 East 35th Street, NYC.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (ADM) (42) DATE: 3/21/62

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON (42)

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
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When contacted by SAS ROBERT BURNS and the writer on 3/16/62 in connection with a confidential inquiry (67-1777) LAUTNER indicated he was preparing to leave on a speaking tour of four cities for which he would receive compensation of \$300.00.

He also advised that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] is now handling his book and that it is presently in the hands of Duell, Sloan and Pearce, Inc., Publishers, 124 E. 30th St., NYC.

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SA [REDACTED] (424)

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On 11/5/62, Lt. [REDACTED] U.S.C.G. was in contact with SAS [REDACTED] relative to a Coast Guard Hearing into validation of subject's Seamens Papers.

Lt. [REDACTED] expressed a need for the services of JOHN LAUTNER to testify at the proposed hearing stating LAUTNER was needed to establish the nature and relationship of the 12-13th Realty Corp. with the CP USA.

In connection with this, LAUTNER's current residence address was furnished to Lt. [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66 )

DATE: 4/2/63

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER

On 3/29/63 JOHN LAUTNER telephoned the New York Office and advised the writer that he had moved from his previous residence at 125 Riverside Drive, New York City to 338 91st Street, Brooklyn 9, New York. He further disclosed that this is a two family house and that he will occupy the ground floor apartment. His telephone is TERRACE 6-5266.

The address telephone directory for the Borough of Brooklyn has a listing at this address in the name of [REDACTED] NYO indices is negative regarding this name.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-6951)

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BELLA V. DODD  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/31/64, JOHN LAUTNER, Former CSNY 588, contacted SA JOHN E. GORDON and advised that BELLA DODD is seriously ill and destitute. He explained that she was recently discharged from the hospital because of her financial condition after having been hospitalized for a three months period as a result of complications involving pleurisy, diabetes and a coronary thrombosis.

LAUTNER further disclosed that "The Tablet", a Catholic weekly published in Brooklyn, New York, initiated a fund drive on behalf of BELLA DODD on 1/16/64. He further pointed out that in this connection, a gathering to raise money will be held on 2/9/64, at 13 W. 13th St., NYC. He said the affair will be held in the apartment of a [REDACTED] and that admission will be \$10.00. He also disclosed that among those interested in this benefit are the Apostolic Layman's League and the [REDACTED] of the Fordham University Russian Institute.

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The above is furnished for information purposes as is the attached clipping which appeared in the 1/30/64 edition of "The Tablet".

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66A)

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON, #46

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 7/10/64

On 7/9/64, JOHN LAUTNER contacted the writer and furnished pertinent information regarding the recent expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON from the Communist Party. The details of this conversation with LAUTNER have been furnished to the Bureau in an airtel dated 7/10/64, under the dual caption "CP, USA; COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; WILLIAM ALBERTSON; IS-C".

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On 10/14/64, JOHN LAUTNER, former CSNY 588, contacted SA JOHN E. GORDON and advised that he had been contacted by [redacted] for the U.S. Treasury Department, who asked whether he would assist the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the preparation of their tax case against the CP,USA. LAUTNER stated that he agreed and indicated that he will prepare material which will cover a description of all activities of the CP,USA. He pointed out that this assignment will last for about ten days and that he will receive \$50.00 per day for his services. He also indicated that he will probably be used later as an expert witness whenever the trial should be scheduled.

LAUTNER further advised that he was also contacted on 10/14/64, by [redacted] of Allied Artists, and asked to testify in the case involving the "Hollywood writers" who are suing the motion picture companies for triple damages as a result of the boycott against them years ago. He further advised that he was also recently contacted by MYLES LANE, former U.S. Attorney in the SDNY, and that he also asked LAUTNER to testify in connection with this same litigation. LAUTNER explained that LANE is apparently representing a separate group of motion picture companies.

JOHN LAUTNER continues to reside at 338 91st St., Brooklyn 9, New York. He has indicated that there is no new information to report in relation to the book that he has been writing for several years. He believes the manuscript should have been published years ago and since he does not believe it would be successful at this time, he is "just sitting on it". He continues to write however, and has contributed articles to the "Tablet", the HCUA, various church publications and the American Legion magazine. From time to time he appears on various panels as a speaker and has lectured at Yale University and, more recently, Vanderbilt and Notre Dame Universities.

The above is furnished for information purposes.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (ADM)

DATE: 10/15/64

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON, #46

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/15/64, SA JOHN HAYES of the Liaison Section, contacted the writer and indicated that he had received an inquiry from the National Security Agency concerning the possibility of contacting JOHN LAUTNER. The writer subsequently contacted LAUTNER on this date and asked whether his current address could be furnished to the representatives of the National Security Agency. LAUTNER agreed and his address was, in turn, related to SA HAYES.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (ADM)

DATE: 10/15/64

FROM : SA JOHN E. GORDON, #46

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/15/64, JOHN LAUTNER, former NYO informant, advised that he had been invited to participate in a symposium, "Conflict or Agreement", in connection with the forthcoming elections, the latest Church encyclicals, and Communism. He stated that the symposium will be held at St. Mary's banquet hall, 15th St. and Second Ave., NYC, on Tuesday, 10/20/64, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Other speakers, in addition to LAUTNER, include [redacted] of the Fordham University Russian Institute and [redacted] of the Radio Apostolate for Christ. [redacted] of Law and [redacted] at Fordham University, [redacted] the "Supreme Court and Public Prayer", [redacted] of "Commonweal" and MATTHEW TROY, SR., former Justice of the Court of Special Sessions, and KIERAN O'DOHERTY, candidate for Congress. LAUTNER is described in the publicity release for this symposium as a Yale, Vanderbilt and Notre Dame University lecturer.

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The above is furnished for information purposes.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629) (P\*)

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[redacted] who prior to [redacted]  
[redacted] and who functioned as  
[redacted] of the New York District CP, has been  
selected as a person to approach under the Toplev Program.

Due to the extremely sensitive nature of the  
circumstances surrounding [redacted],  
as well as the legal proceeding against [redacted] which is now  
on appeal before the U. S. Supreme Court, a most careful review  
has been given to the [redacted] case.

In view of the above, it is felt that JOHN LAUTNER  
should be contacted to determine if he would be in a position to  
personally contact [redacted] and act as an intermediary to  
ascertain if [redacted] is still a dedicated communist. If Bureau  
authority is granted to have LAUTNER contact [redacted] and LAUTNER  
agrees to such, the Bureau will be promptly advised of this contact.  
Following this, recommendation will be made to the Bureau to have  
[redacted] interviewed under the Toplev Program.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
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① - NY 134-2646 (JOHN LAUTNER) (46)  
1 - [redacted] (INV) (41)  
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SAC, NEW YORK (140-14605)

10/22/64

SA JOHN J. HAYES (RM)

DOROTHY TOPLITZKY BLUM;  
JOSEPH BLUM

*NAME check REQUESTS*  
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

On 10/15/64, SAS LAWRENCE W. BOWE and [redacted] who identified themselves as with the NSA, Fort Mead, Md., staying locally at Room 1053, Henry Hudson Hotel, personally came to this office for name checks on various individuals and organizations in connection with their investigation on the above captioned subjects.

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SA BOWE, who acted as spokesman, advised that NSA had in its position the reports submitted by the FBI on DOROTHY TOPLITZKY BLUM as they appear in Bufile 140-29442 (NYfile 140-14605). However, subjects [redacted] and DOROTHY BLUM are still employed by NSA as cryptologists, and both have a grade GS-15. Therefore, NSA is conducting more investigation on subjects and Agents BOWE and [redacted] wanted name checks on the following individuals and organizations; primarily on the individuals, they wanted clearance to interview them if necessary. The individuals and organizations are as follows:

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Brooklyn College (NY)  
Chemistry Society  
(information desired for period between 1939-1943)

Brownsville Athletic and Cultural Club  
Brooklyn, NY  
(1930's and 1940's)

[redacted]  
(she was formerly married to [redacted])

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- 1-New York (140-14774) (JOSEPH BLUM)
- 1-New York (100-100703) (NATHAN DOSCHER)
- 1-New York (100-0-46373) (BERNARD N. GREENBERG)
- 1-New York (134-66) (JOHN LAVERNE)
- 1-New York (100-114471) (JACOB G. SHAREFKEIN)
- 1-New York

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JACOB G. SHAREPKIN

JOHN LAUTNER

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Relative to the first two organizations listed above, the Agents were advised that these organizations were never the subjects of investigation by the FBI, in fact, we had no record of the Brownsville Athletic and Cultural Club.

SA JOHN E. GORDON, Section 46, contacted JOHN LAUTNER, a discontinued informant, and LAUTNER said he had no objections to being contacted by the NSA and said the NSA Agent should telephone him for an appointment. LAUTNER's address and telephone number, namely 338 91st St., Brooklyn, NY, telephone TE 6-5266, was furnished to SAS BOWE and [REDACTED] and they said that they would call him for an appointment.

Background information regarding SHAREPKIN.

[REDACTED] was furnished to the NSA Agents, and they were advised that FBI, NY had no objection to their contacting any of these individuals. They indicated that, on 10/19/64, they would continue their investigation at Brooklyn College, where SHAREPKIN, [REDACTED] are or were employed as [REDACTED].

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SAS BOWE and [REDACTED] advised that they may call within the next two weeks for name checks concerning other individuals turned up during the course of their investigation. Search slips on the above individuals and organizations are attached hereto.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)  
ATT: VOUCHER AND STATISTICAL SECTION

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE  
VS. CPUSA  
DOCKET #63763

ReBuairtel 3/1/65, requesting information required by Manual of Instructions, Volume IV, Section 107N, paragraph 7, be submitted concerning former CSNY 588-S. Information only subsequent to 9/14/59 required.

The above is set forth as follows:

1. JOHN LAUTNER
2. JOHN LATTNER, JOHN LAUGHTNER, CSNY 588-S
3. 9/20/54
4. Not applicable
5. None-last payment by NYO 1/12/54.
6. Not applicable

3-Bureau (100-3) (RM)  
1-NY (134-66A) (45)  
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7. 10/15/64. Bureau's attention, however, is directed to NY airtel 2/23/65, enclosing originals of 820 documents reflecting contact with LAUTNER by NYO. It is possible that among said documents there is one reflecting a contact subsequent to 10/15/64.
8. File fails to reflect contact by any other office since 9/14/59.

File fails to reflect LAUTNER has received payment from any other office of FBI since 9/14/59.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

3/15/63

SAC, CHICAGO (100-2398-Sub 1)

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THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM AN EXTREMELY DELICATE SOURCE AND BY ITS VERY NATURE, IF DISCLOSED, WOULD TEND TO JEOPARDIZE HIS SECURITY. THIS INFORMATION MUST NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND IS TO BE CONFINED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES, IF REPORTED. NO INVESTIGATION BASED ON THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE INITIATED WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

On August 13, 1964, CG 5324-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available secret documents of the National Review Commission, CP, USA, for reproduction.

The original films are maintained in Chicago file 100-2398-1B17.

Included in this material was a folder of documents regarding RALPH SHAW and JOHN LAUTNER.

There is enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York one copy of each of the documents in this folder. One copy of these documents is being retained by the Chicago office for the file of RALPH SHAW.

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- ① - New York (100-JOHN LAUTNER) (Encl 1) (RM)
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(1 - 100-4062) (RALPH SHAW)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (134-66)

FROM : SA ROBERT G. OFTEDAL

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
FORMER NY 588-S

DATE: 3/23/65

LAUTNER was utilized as a potential witness by Internal Revenue Service in the matter of Commissioner of Internal Revenue vs. CP, USA. The trial was completed on 3/22/65 and LAUTNER'S services as a witness was not required.

In Contemplating his appearance, the Bureau forwarded to the NYO, <sup>photostats of</sup> ~~the~~ pay receipts for LAUTNER. (2 copies of each)

These photostats will be maintained in the exhibit section of captioned file, in the event LAUTNER will again be utilized in a trial or hearing.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-9943)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26864 sub A)

SUBJECT: JAMES JOSEPH MATLES aka  
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(OO: NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 4/18/60.

INS Investigator [redacted] advised on 6/27 and 7/1/60, that the denaturalization case on MATLES has not yet been referred by INS to the US Attorney. By letter dated 5/26/60, INS, NYC, very briefly summarized the substance of the testimony in the original denaturalization suit against MATLES of ORAZIO RAYMOND CARLUCCI, JOSEPH ZACK KORNFEIDER, [redacted] and [redacted]. The INS letter also advised that when interviewed by INS on 12/9/59, JOHN LAUTNER stated that during the year 1931, MATLES was District Organizational Secretary of the CP in the NY area and that during the same year LAUTNER met MATLES at closed CP meetings.

- 3 - Bureau (100-9943) (RM)
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INS advised that they contemplate using the aforementioned individuals as Government witnesses in the denaturalization trial of subject, and asked to be advised whether their testimony concerning the subject's CP activity is consistent with information furnished by these individuals to the FBI.

The INS resume of the testimony of CARLUCCI, KORNFEDER, [ ] and [ ] is considered too brief to permit any comprehensive comparison with the information concerning MATLES' CP activity furnished to the FBI by these individuals. Furthermore, from the trial transcript page numbers set out by INS in their letter, it appears that the redirect testimony of KORNFEDER was not considered in preparation of the INS resume. These facts were brought to the attention of INS Investigator [ ] on 7/1/60, at which time it was suggested that inasmuch as INS has been furnished with all (IS-C) reports on MATLES, INS could compare the previous testimony of the witnesses with the information these individuals have furnished to the FBI, after the NYO advised where the information furnished by the witnesses is located in FBI reports. [ ] indicated that this would be a satisfactory solution.

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Accordingly, the NYO contemplates advising INS, NYC, that the substance of all information concerning the CP activity of MATLES furnished to the FBI by the potential witnesses named in the INS letter of 5/26/60, is located as follows:

JOSEPH ZACK KORNFEDER

Report of SA WILLIAM S. TAVEL, 3/17/48, at NY, pages 1 and 2.

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Report of SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, 4/30/56, at NY, pages 10, 11 and 12.

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Report of SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, 4/30/56, at NY, page 51, paragraphs 1 and 2.

BERNARD K. JOHNPOLL

Report of SA WILLIAM S. TAVEL, 1/30/50, at NY, page 14, paragraphs 5 and 6.

[REDACTED]

Report of SA FRANCIS V. GARDNER, 6/2/54, at NY, page 2, paragraph 2.

[REDACTED]

Report of SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, 4/30/56, at NY, page 24, paragraph 5 and page 25, paragraph 1.

[REDACTED]

JOHN LAUTNER

Report of SA JOSEPH P. DIFFLEY, 3/13/51, at NY, page 4.

LAUTNER is identified in this report as T-2.

Report of SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN, 4/30/56, at NY, pages 20 and 21.

ORAZIO RAYMOND CARLUCCI

The only information concerning CP activity of MATLES known to have been furnished to the FBI by CARLUCCI is set out in NYO letter to INS, NYC, dated 5/11/60. (This is the same information set out on pages 5 and 6 of relet.) It may be noted that this information does not include any reference to lectures by MATLES advocating violent overthrow of the Government, which lectures were mentioned by CARLUCCI in his testimony at the original trial of MATLES.

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It is noted that the above-mentioned reports and letter did not constitute the original recording in FBI files of the information furnished to the FBI by the potential witnesses.

UACB by 7/14/60, the NYO will furnish the above information to INS, NYC. The NYO will continue to maintain liaison with INS concerning the denaturalization proceedings against the subject and keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16177)

8/8/60

SAC, NEW YORK (134-66)

JOHN LAUTNER  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ReNYlets, 6/3/60 and 6/27/60.

During a contact with JOHN LAUTNER on 8/2/60, he advised that he has not as yet been able to contact ISAAC DON LEVINE, nor has he been successful in putting the finishing touches on his book. He did note, however, that an article that he has recently written will appear in the September issue of the American Legion magazine.

LAUTNER further advised that on 7/30/60, he moved to a new address, Apartment 21, 125 Riverside Drive, NYC. He explained that the lease on his previous residence was about to expire and since he was dissatisfied with the noisy Puerto Rican element nearby he decided to move. He also indicated that he would share this new apartment with [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] and LAUTNER are both employed as [redacted] by the Immigration Dept., [redacted] on a [redacted] day a week basis and LAUTNER one day only. [redacted] has never been an informant of this office, it is believed that the Bureau is fully acquainted with his activities and background.

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- 1 - New York (100-86960) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429223)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144414)  
SUBJECT: LEONARD MARKOFF KOVACHEFF  
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Re DE airtels, 3/24/61 and 3/27/61.

MD 425-S and NYC 425-CS are the same source. This is a former trash cover of the NYO and, as such, is not available to testify, as disclosure of this technique would jeopardize other similar techniques.

JOHN LAUTNER was contacted 4/6/61 by SA JOHN E. GORDON and advised he would be willing to testify as indicated in reairtels. LAUTNER stated he recalls STANLEY NOWAK as a CP member.

LAUTNER resides at Apartment 2C, 125 Riverside Drive, New York City.

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3 - Bureau (100-429223) (RM)  
2 - Detroit (100-26214) (RM)  
1 - Washington Field (Info) (RM)  
① - NY 134-66 (JOHN LAUTNER) (42)  
1 - NY 100-144414 (412)

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LAUTNER has testified in numerous Government proceedings and is considered a reliable witness.

Additional details are not being set forth, as LAUTNER has previously appeared as a witness for the Department of Defense.

An information copy is designated for Washington Field, as reairtels set out the lead for WFO to contact LAUTNER.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-424107)

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Reference is made to NY letter to Bureau, 8/29/61, and Bureau letter to Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, dated 10/16/61, and captioned as above.

In response to Bureau request, the NYO has established liaison with G-2 in order to obtain a copy of the information to which JOHN LAUTNER is expected to testify. Major [redacted] G-2, Headquarters, First US Army, Governors Island, NY, advised SA RAYMOND J. KOPP that he would furnish the NYO of the FBI with a copy of the Army interview with LAUTNER prior to his testimony.

On 11/30/61, JOHN LAUTNER also stated that he would advise the NYO in the event he should be contacted by G-2 for the purpose of testifying in this matter.

- 4 - Bureau (100-424107)(RM)  
(1-101-4949)  
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- 1 - Boston (100-34137)(INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (100-39556)(INFO)(RM)
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-23614)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9984)

UNITED STATES V. DR. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG  
PHILADELPHIA SMITH ACT MEMBERSHIP RETRIAL

Re Bureau letter to Philadelphia, dated 9/24/62,  
captioned as above.

On 9/27/62, Mr. JOHN LAUTNER, Apartment 2G, 125  
Riverside Drive, New York, New York, was contacted by SA  
JOHN E. GORDON, at which time Mr. LAUTNER consented to be a  
witness in the event ALBERT E. BLUMBERG is retried.

On 9/27/62, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, was contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] to determine her willingness to testify in any forth-  
coming hearing or trial concerning BLUMBERG. [redacted]  
requested a few days to think the situation over. [redacted]  
advised that she was currently a [redacted]  
[redacted]

On 10/4/62, [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] at which time she declined to testify. [redacted] stated  
that she could not bear to again undergo the great emotional  
and physical strain and resultant illness she was subjected to  
during the course of the original trial of BLUMBERG. [redacted]  
commented that although she holds the Bureau in the highest  
regard and was treated very kindly and courteously by Bureau  
representatives, she could not bring herself to testify.

A thorough review of the files, this Division,  
pertaining to BLUMBERG failed to develop any additional witnesses  
who could testify to the type of information specified in the  
Department's letter of 9/13/62.

- 2 - Bureau (100-23614) (RM)  
1 - Philadelphia (100-8548) (Info) (RM)  
① - New York (134-66) (Inv.)  
1 - [redacted] (Inv.)  
1 - New York (100-9984) (414)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)  
SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL  
REVENUE VS. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
DOCKET # 03763  
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ReBuairtel 2/16/65, requesting that the NYC  
submit originals of documents pertaining to JOHN LAUTNER.  
Identity of the documents were set forth.

Enclosed herewith are originals of  
documents described as follows:

44 documents described in New York letter to  
the Bureau, dated 1/22/58, captioned, "JOHN LAUTNER,  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION."

739 documents described in New York letter  
to the Bureau dated 4/25/58, captioned, "JOHN HELLMAN;  
IS-C; SA OF 40."

37 documents in LAUTNER's control file  
recording interviews with LAUTNER subsequent to interviews

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1-New York (134-66) (Inv)  
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reported in the above-described documents. These are listed as follows:

134-66-1099, 1101, 1109, 1100, 1110, 1112,  
1121, 1122, 1124, 1125, 1127-1132,  
1135-1137, 1138-1141, FD-302, 8/10/62,  
FD-302, 8/15/62, FD-302, 9/28/62, 1145,  
1148, FD-302, 4/12/63, FD-302, 4/17/63,  
1151, FD-302, 9/20/63, 1153-1157

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SUPERVISOR 46 DATE 9-9-64  
FROM : BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE 134-66)

SUBJECT: EXHIBITS MAINTAINED IN RED ROPE  
FOLDERS IN BULKY EXHIBIT VAULT

The Bulky Exhibit Section has instituted a project to have above captioned exhibits thoroughly reviewed for disposal or retention.

Attached are first and last sections of file referring to exhibits in question. The first section contains the green sheets listing the exhibits.

Each supervisor receiving a copy of this memorandum is requested to have the pertinent exhibits reviewed and fill in the spaces listed below. This memorandum is to be returned to the Bulky Exhibit Section by 9-16-64.

EXHIBITS TO BE DESTROYED: None

EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED: All

REASON FOR RETENTION: John Lautner has been a principal Government witness in numerous trials throughout the country. In the event of future prosecutions, it is highly conceivable that he will again be a prosecution witness. Since it is impossible to determine what documents can or should be destroyed and since the space occupied by  
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these documents is negligible, it is suggested that they be retained.

V. J. E. Gordon

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16177)

7/1/65

SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (ADM.)

JOHN LAUTNER  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

On 6/29/65, JOHN LAUTNER contacted the NYO and advised that he had observed a notice in the business section of the "New York Times", the Sunday edition of 6/13/65. According to LAUTNER the notice in question was evidently inserted for the purpose of soliciting or hiring persons for intelligence work. He explained that he assumed this ad was placed by the Central Intelligence Agency and it called for applications to be mailed to: "Careers in US Intelligence, P.O. Box 128, Montello Station, Brockton, Mass."

LAUTNER disclosed that he answered this advertisement and mailed an application to the aforementioned address. LAUTNER further advised that he felt that he should make this fact known to the FBI.

The Bureau is accordingly being advised and no action is being contemplated by the NYO.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/65

JOHN LAUTNER, 338 91st Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that MARTELL was a member of the Building Trades Section of the Communist Party (CP) from 1946 to some time in 1947. LAUTNER indicated that he himself was head to the Building Trades Section in 1946 and part of 1947 and personally knew MARTELL to be a member of this CP section although he recalled that MARTELL was a restaurant worker at the time. LAUTNER also stated that he had seen MARTELL on many occasions at County CP Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street in New York City, and when LAUTNER was attempting to organize the Building Trades Section, MARTELL recruited several "sand hogs" for him.

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On 10/7/65 at New York, New York File # 100-51381 104  
by SA JOHN E. GORDON:poc/mbg Date dictated 10/12/65

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225041)

10/15/65

SAC, NEW YORK (100-51381) - *Rec.*

VICTOR HUGH MARTELL  
SM-C  
FAG

ReBulet, 9/15/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-302 dated 10/15/65, which sets forth pertinent portions of an interview with JOHN LAUTNER conducted 10/7/65 by SA JOHN E. GORDON. The interview is not set out in its entirety but lists only that specific information to which LAUTNER is in a position to testify.

Enclosed for the San Diego Office are seven copies of the above described FD-302.

The original FD-302 is being retained in the case file of the captioned individual in the NYO.

On 10/7/65, JOHN LAUTNER was contacted by the writer for the purpose of determining his present recollection of the subject's connection with the CP. LAUTNER indicated that he, LAUTNER, was head of the Building Trades Section of the CP from 1946 until sometime in 1947 when he was transferred from the Building Trades Section to the Security Section. During this period he recalled having been acquainted with MARTELL and stated that he was definitely a member of the Building Trades Section of the CP although he believed MARTELL to have been a restaurant worker at the time. He stated that MARTELL was always in and about the County CP office about that time and when

- 2 - Bureau (ENCL.2) (RM)
- 2 - San Diego (100-13475) (ENCL.7) (RM)
- ① - New York 134-56 (ENCL.1) *ADM*
- 1 - New York 100-51381 (ENCL.1)

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LAUTNER was first organizing the Building Trades Section, MARTELL brought in several "sand hogs" for recruitment. LAUTNER stated he never saw MARTELL after 1947, has no knowledge of his activities subsequent to that period, and can not state that MARTELL was a CP member until 1950 when LAUTNER was expelled from the party.

Although LAUTNER recalls that MARTELL had resided on the west side of New York in the seventies, he has no recollection of ever having visited the subject's apartment. He stated that he did recall one occasion when MARTELL came to LAUTNER and was some-what upset because some woman had evidently ransacked his apartment. MARTELL told LAUTNER that he was worried about the incident because his apartment contained much CP literature.

LAUTNER indicated he has no recollection of ever having personally seen MARTELL at May Day parades or at a Foley Square demonstration in 1949. He suggested however that he may have seen the subject in various photographs of such demonstrations and subsequent statements by LAUTNER could possibly have been misconstrued as if to indicate that he had actually seen MARTELL in person on occasions after 1947.

LAUTNER described MARTELL as an "odd ball", a "smart aleck" and a highly nervous individual. His activities, according to LAUTNER, did cause some people to suggest he could have been a "plant". He was stockily built, about 5'6" or 5'7" with blue eyes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC NEW YORK (134-66)

FROM : SA MICHAEL C. FITZGERALD

SUBJECT: JOHN LAUTNER  
INFORMANT

DATE: 8/29/66

[redacted] advised that one Mrs. HAFNER, 77 years old, who resides with [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, telephone number [redacted] related that she had a tenant residing at her home named JOHN LAUTNER. LAUTNER moved out about a week or two ago and related to HAFNER that he was going to purchase a home in Connecticut.

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HAFNER stated that she was suspicious of LAUTNER in that she has in her possession a box of pamphlets dealing with Communism and related activities which is addressed to the subject from A.B. DICK Mimeograph Company.

A check of NYO indices by the writer reveals that subject is identical with CSNY 588-S, whose last known address was listed as [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.

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Above is submitted for information.

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John E. Gordon

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16177)

2/10/67

SAC, NEW YORK (134-66) (ADM)

JOHN LAUTNER  
SOURCE OF INFORMATION

In a contact with JOHN LAUTNER on 2/6/67, it was learned that MIKLOS KALLAY, the former Prime Minister of Hungary, had recently passed away in New York City. KALLAY, who was related to LAUTNER by marriage, is the subject of Bufile 105-43212.

LAUTNER also noted that his brother had also died this past weekend in Youngstown, Ohio. LAUTNER indicated that his brother had been suffering from cancer.

LAUTNER further disclosed that he had visited Senator THOMAS DODD in Stratford, Connecticut, this past weekend. He explained that a mutual friend had suggested to Senator DODD that LAUTNER might possibly be of assistance to him in connection with a book that DODD intends to write dealing with his past experiences. LAUTNER stated that no decision was reached regarding his possible services, which would be restricted to preparing an outline. LAUTNER expressed the opinion that such a book is merely in the discussion stage and that no definite plans have been formulated.

LAUTNER now resides at 211 Morrison Walk, Island Park, New York, and his unlisted phone number is 516-889-8154. He continues to be unemployed and his income, believed to be meager, is probably derived from free-lance writing, lectures, and Social Security payments.

The above is furnished for information purposes.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- (1 - 105-43212) (MIKLOS KALLAY)
- 1 - New York (65-17069) (MIKLOS KALLAY)
- ① - New York

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John Lautner

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REVIEW OF FBIHQ FILE

A review of FBIHQ file 100-16177 disclosed that John Lautner joined the Communist Party (CP) USA in 1929, and remained in the party until his expulsion in January 1950. During his tenure in the CPUSA, Lautner achieved functionary status, rising to the position of Chairman of the New York State Review Commission and membership on the National Review Commission, CPUSA, in charge of security. He was expelled from the CPUSA because of the party's suspicion that he was an FBI informant. This suspicion was generated by the fact that Lautner defended one Angela Calomiris, a party member who was suspected of being an FBI informant. Although Lautner successfully defended her and she retained her party membership, she subsequently surfaced as an FBI informant and Government witness. After his expulsion from the CPUSA, Lautner wrote to the FBI and offered to assist the Bureau in any way possible in its investigation of the CPUSA. Lautner never furnished any information to the Bureau during the time he was a CPUSA member nor were any overtures made to him by the FBI during the time he was party member.

In early 1951, Lautner began functioning as a consultant to the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and between 1952 and 1959 he appeared as an expert witness for the Government at 20 Smith Act trials. (100-16177-171)

In July 1952, while testifying in a Smith Act trial in New York, Lautner testified on direct examination that he first got in touch with the FBI by sending a letter to the FBI. (100-16177-NR dated 7/1/52; 100-16177-101)

In December 1954, Lautner testified in public session before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee concerning communist activities. He testified that he had been employed for three years by the DOJ and had testified as an expert witness in nine trials which involved CP leaders. (100-16177-NR dated 12/13/54)

In February 1959, during his testimony at a Smith Act re-trial in Denver, Colorado, defense counsel requested that the court conduct an in-camera examination of Government witness John Lautner, to question him about conferences he held with FBI Agents to determine whether any of the material would be Jencks Act material. (100-16177-NR dated 2/16/59)

In February 1959, J. Edgar Hoover furnished John Lautner a letter advising that Hoover had followed his testimony with considerable interest and that he was grateful for Lautner's cooperation in matters of mutual interest. (100-16177-173)

In Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit", at pages 174-175, Lautner is described as a CP member for more than twenty years who, after being exposed to indignities by his fellow communists, was expelled from the party and shortly thereafter came to the FBI with his story. (100-16177-183)

Lautner's status as an informant was described in a news article which appeared in the Washington Post on 1/23/52. (100-16177-A-NR dated 3/22/52) In a newspaper article which appeared in the New York Compass on 6/12/52, Lautner was quoted as testifying that "I gave the FBI my unqualified cooperation." (100-16177-A-NR dated 6/26/52)

In a newspaper article which appeared in the New York Compass on 7/2/52, cross-examination of Lautner during a Smith Act trial is reported. Included is an admission by Lautner that he furnished information to the FBI following his expulsion from the CP. (100-16177-A-NR dated 7/21/52)

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